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## The Virginia Heart Gallery Comes Home to Norfolk

NORFOLK –The Virginia Department of Social Services and the Generic Theater proudly present **The Virginia Heart Gallery**, an extraordinary photographic exhibit that connects children in foster care with loving, forever families. The collection will be on display from April 7 through April 30 at the Generic Theater, 912 W. 21<sup>st</sup> St. in Norfolk's historic Ghent district. The exhibit opens in conjunction with the Generic's production of *Jar the Floor* by Cheryl L. West, a comical and poignant study of four generations of African-American women who reunite to celebrate their matriarch's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.

The Virginia Heart Gallery is a traveling exhibit featuring portraits of 61 area children, ages 3 to 16, who are available for adoption. Professional and student photographers volunteered their time and talent to capture the spirit and personality of each child. Since the Gallery's debut in November 2005, seven children have been placed in adoptive homes and 23 children have adoptive placements pending.

The Generic Theater will hold a special **Heart Gallery Open House** Sunday, April 23 and Sunday, April 30 from 4:30 p.m. - 6:30p.m. Social workers will be on hand to answer your questions about the adoption process. The Gallery is also open to groups wishing to visit outside the theater's regular performance schedule. To make arrangements, contact the Generic Theater at (757) 441-2160 or visit [www.generictheater.org](http://www.generictheater.org)